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Your Guide to
Expedited Air Service
for Freight Shipping



When you're up against the clock, expedited shipping can get your freight where it needs to go in a snap.

Explore air expedited shipping pros and cons and discover air shipping options in our expedited freight shipping guide.

What is expedited air shipping?

When it comes to shipping freight, expedited shipping options may be the best option to get your shipments from point A to point B in a pinch. Expedited air shipping is a guaranteed way to get your packages to their delivery point faster than by standard shipping methods. Packages are shipped on commercial, cargo or charter planes and typically have a quick turnaround time from pickup to delivery.

Though helpful for many shippers, specific solutions like expedited air shipping may not be the ideal option for all businesses.



What industries use expedited air shipping?

Several industries utilize expedited air shipping, including:

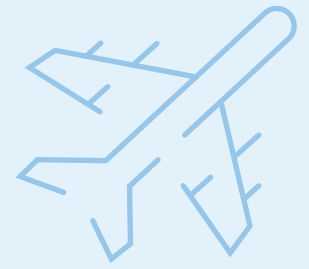
- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Electronics
- Livestock
- Luxury Items
- Medical Supplies and Equipment

Why do businesses use expedited air to ship freight?

There are many reasons to ship freight via expedited air services. Businesses often use these shipping services for:

- Shipping high-value, low-volume goods
- Time-sensitive shipments
- Tight arrival and departure windows
- Valuable cargo
- Potential weather disruptions on the ground
- Lower insurance premiums relative to time in transit
- Reaching far-away markets

Is expedited freight shipping via air right for me?



The Pros and Cons of Expedited Freight Services Shipped by Air

Freight options like air expedited shipping are time-saving choices for many companies; however, these services are not right for every shipment. When you're considering which expedited freight shipping methods to utilize, consider these pros and cons to decide if shipping via air is right for your unique business shipping needs.

Pros

- ✓ Expedited air is often the fastest way to get freight shipments from the pickup location to the delivery point.
- ✓ Shipping via air can keep your expedited deliveries on a tighter schedule, since there are less potential transit disruptions like icy roads or traffic jams.
- ✓ Air transportation can help businesses grow their geographic service area.
- ✓ Expedited freight shipped via air often deters theft more effectively than ground shipping due to increased security levels.

Cons

- ✗ Expedited air shipping typically costs more than expedited ground shipping.
- ✗ There is a scarcity of scheduled flights for freight on commercial planes.
- ✗ Commercial planes often impose size and weight limitations for freight shipments.
- ✗ Some products are restricted from air travel and must be shipped on the ground.

Other Factors To Consider



Cost-to-Distance Ratio

Expedited air shipping can become costly, especially for short distances. Before deciding on air shipping for your expedited freight shipments, make sure to consider the distance between the pickup and delivery locations. For shorter distances, ground shipping may be just as good or even a better option than air shipping for the cost.



Commodities Being Shipped

You should always consider the type of commodity being shipped to ensure there are no restrictions against your freight that would prevent it from being accepted. You should also consider the size, weight and density of your shipment. If you plan to ship via commercial or cargo plane, your shipment will need to fit within the plane's available space and weight limit. For large shipments, consider hiring a charter plane or shipping via one of GlobalTranz's 85,000+ full-truckload (FTL) carrier partners.



Restrictions to Air Expedited Shipping



What can be shipped via air?

Automotive and aerospace parts
(not including gear boxes, engines, etc.)

E-commerce goods (retail packages)

Technological products

Medications and pharmaceuticals

Live animals

Fresh food products and produce



What cannot be shipped via air?

Explosives (firearms, aerosols or weapons)

Flammables (both liquids and solids)

Toxins (pesticides or infectious substances)

Biological or hazardous materials
(medical waste and dangerous pathogens)

Anything potentially dangerous to public health



I need to ship one or more of the items that classify as restricted. What are my options?

Although there are some items that cannot be shipped (such as those deemed dangerous to the health of the public), many air-restricted goods can be shipped via **full-truckload (FTL)** or **less-than-truckload (LTL)** freight services! With hazmat trailers, refrigerated trailers and more, GlobalTranz offers options to fit a wide variety of shipping needs.

Connect with a specialist today to learn about our specialty shipping options and to start booking your shipment.

Freight Scheduling Options for Expedited Delivery by Air



Not all expedited air shipping options are created equal. Expedited freight can either be shipped via a commercial plane, a cargo plane or a charter plane — each operating with their own benefits and costs. Here are the four most common ways to ship freight via expedited delivery:

Deferred air service

Freight ships in the next available space on flights; most economical option



Next flight out

Freight ships on the next available flight; second-most expensive option



Partial charter

Freight space is shared with another shipper who splits the cost



Charter

Freight space is reserved wholly for your shipment; most expensive option



What To Consider When Selecting an Air Service Type

	Commercial	Cargo	Charter
Type of shipment	Air cargo (smaller and lighter weight shipments)	Air cargo Air freight (larger items and heavier shipments)	Air cargo or air freight
Cost	Usually less expensive	Usually more expensive	Usually most expensive
Transit time	Dependent on flight schedule	More direct flights	Flexible flight schedule
Frequency	Flights to less-traveled destinations may be less frequent, while more flights go to major cities and larger hubs	More flights on a daily basis than commercial	Flexible timing
Safety	Some products can't be shipped on passenger planes	International Air Transport Association (IATA) restrictions for shipping dangerous goods and hazardous materials	International Air Transport Association (IATA) restrictions for shipping dangerous goods and hazardous materials



GlobalTranz: Your Best-in-class Expedited Freight Broker

Air expedited shipping is complex. Luckily, GlobalTranz has all the resources, expertise and support you need to make mindful, educated decisions about freight shipping. By partnering with GlobalTranz, you'll receive award-winning support from a team of dedicated shipping experts who will help break down all the nuances and restrictions associated with shipping freight via air and can help determine if expedited air shipping is the right choice for your unique business needs.

[Connect with an expert today >](#) to see how GlobalTranz can simplify the way you ship freight.